

Blow the budget

The market for ultra-luxury technology has never been larger. As mobile phones and tablet computers get cheaper and ever more powerful, huge growth in the market for

high-end products has resulted in new cases, new materials and new collaborations developing between traditional brands and those at the cutting edge of new technology.

Camera brand Leica, for instance, now produces machines that are as beautiful as ever but also up there with the latest devices from Sony and Nikon. Users of iPads and

mobiles, too, can encase their gadgets in luxurious leather or indestructible carbon fibre: that means even if everyone has the same tools, there's still room for real luxury.

Tanner Krolle Soho

Price £1,950

There are few things more luxurious than perfect luggage: originally constructed for a single client with perfect taste, this laptop bag has just enough space (www.tannerkrolle.com).

MacBook Air

Price from £849

Wafer thin, the new MacBook Air offers a vision of all laptops as they will be in the future: epic battery life, instantly on and ultra-lightweight.

Leica D-Lux 5

Price £675

Leica is the only camera brand that can justify charging nearly £20,000 for its top camera. The D-Lux 5 is as beautiful, and practically a bargain.

Vertu Ascent

Price from £5,000

The Rolex of mobile phones, Vertu's genuine craftsmanship can be matched by a gwendolyncarrie.com phone case, in glazed fish skin (£155).

Carbon fibre iPad case

Price £495

Talk to anybody with an iPad and they will likely tell you that this tablet computer is their pride and joy - but many people are worried about keeping it pristine. Encase it in carbon fibre from QuentinMackay.com and it will never be at risk again, while still looking stylish.

Bill Amberg BlackBerry

Price £1,000

If a Vertu (left) busts your budget, this limited-edition version of BlackBerry's excellent new 9780 features a luxury leather back and case. It's exclusive to Selfridges, and in short supply, however.

